

It is not going well in Iraq, Mr. Speaker. We heard from General Abizaid just this week where he said there has been serious sectarian violence, and our ability to control it is very much in doubt.

So when we discuss the issues that implicate the Middle East and beyond the Middle East, it is important that we put forth all of the facts.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. BERMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a death in the family.

Ms. HARMAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of family business.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of family medical emergency.

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. MCKINNEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and the balance of the week.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of inclement weather.

Mr. BACHUS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a family emergency.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of official business.

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. FORTENBERRY (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for July 20 until 1:00 p.m. on account of medical reasons.

Mr. GIBBONS (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today.

Mr. ISTOOK (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of matters that required attention in Oklahoma.

Mr. WESTMORELAND (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CROWLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MEEKS of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. LOWEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RANGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SLAUGHTER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELLER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, July 28.

Mr. OSBORNE, for 5 minutes, today and July 25.

Mr. CARTER, for 5 minutes, July 25.

Mr. WELLER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah, for 5 minutes, July 25.

Mr. KIRK, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SERRANO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2690. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office", to the Committee on Government Reform.

S. 3187. An act to designate the Post Office located at 5755 Post Road, East Greenwich, Rhode Island, as the "Richard L. Cevoli Post Office", to the Committee on Government Reform.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on July 20, 2006, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 5117. To exempt persons with disabilities from the prohibition against providing section 8 rental assistance to college students.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8747. A letter from the Publications Control Officer, Department of the Army, De-

partment of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Law Enforcement Reporting (RIN: 0702-AA52-U) received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8748. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Relocation of Subpart 225.6 to 225.76 [DFARS Case 2006-D003] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8749. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of Contract Goal for Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Certain Institutions of Higher Learning [DFARS Case 2006-D010] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8750. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Information Technology [DFARS Case 2003-D068] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8751. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Exchange or Sale of Government-Owned Information Technology [DFARS Case 2003-D094] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8752. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Required Sources of Supply [DFARS Case 2003-D072] received July 12, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

8753. A letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives, transmitting the annual compilation of personal financial disclosure statements and amendments thereto filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Rule XXVI, clause 1, of the House Rules; (H. Doc. No. 109-128); to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and ordered to be printed.

8754. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Administration's certification that the level of screening services and protection provided at Greater Rochester International Airport will be equal to or greater than the level that would be provided at the airport by TSA Transportation Security Officers, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 44920(d); to the Committee on Homeland Security.

8755. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the 2006 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 369; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Ways and Means.

8756. A letter from the Board Members, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a copy of the 23rd Actuarial Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities Under the Railroad Retirement Acts, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f-1; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

8757. A letter from the Admiral, United States Coast Guard Commandant, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a copy of a draft bill, "To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for the United States Coast Guard, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Armed Services, Government Reform, Homeland Security, the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Pursuant to the order of the House on July 20, 2006 the following report was filed on July 21, 2006

Mr. HYDE: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 5682. A bill to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India; with an amendment (Rept. 109-590 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2965. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prison Industries to compete for its contracts minimizing its unfair competition with private sector firms and their non-inmate workers and empowering Federal agencies to get the best value for taxpayers' dollars, to provide a five-year period during which Federal Prison Industries adjusts to obtaining inmate work opportunities through other than its mandatory source status, to enhance inmate access to remedial and vocational opportunities and other rehabilitative opportunities to better prepare inmates for a successful return to society, to authorize alternative inmate work opportunities in support of non-profit organizations and other public service programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 109-591). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[Filed on July 24, 2006]

Mr. BUYER: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3082. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require that 9 percent of procurement contracts entered into by the Department of Veterans Affairs be awarded to small business concerns owned by veterans, and for other purposes; with amendments (rept. 109-592). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 5388. A bill to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-593, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia: Committee on Government Reform. H.R. 5766. A bill to provide for the establishment of Federal Review Commissions to review and make recommendations on improving the operations, effectiveness, and efficiency of Federal programs and agencies, and to require a schedule for such reviews of all Federal agencies and programs; with an amendment (Rept. 109-594, Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. GINGREY: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 939. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1956) to regulate certain State taxation of interstate commerce; and for other purposes (Rept. 109-595). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

[The following action occurred on July 21, 2006]

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Rules discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5682 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

[The following action occurred on July 24, 2006]

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committees on Rules and the Budget discharged from further consideration. H.R. 5766 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CAMPBELL of California:

H.R. 5862. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals eligible for veterans health benefits to contribute to health savings accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BARTON of Texas (for himself and Mr. DINGELL):

H.R. 5863. A bill to authorize temporary emergency extensions to certain exemptions to the requirements with respect to polychlorinated biphenyls under the Toxic Substances Control Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. BEAUPREZ):

H.R. 5864. A bill to provide for innovation in health care through State initiatives that expand coverage and access; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. THOMAS:

H.R. 5865. A bill to amend section 1113 of the Social Security Act to temporarily increase funding for the program of temporary assistance for United States citizens returned from foreign countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. BOUSTANY):

H.R. 5866. A bill to amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform physician payment under the Medicare Program, to modernize the quality improvement organization (QIO) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia:

H.R. 5867. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to clarify the authority of the Secretary of a military department, or the Secretary of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard, to sell untreated water located on military installations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 5868. A bill to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to provide funds for training in tribal leadership, management, and policy, and for other purposes; to the

Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. CARDIN):

H.R. 5869. A bill to temporarily increase assistance for United States citizens evacuated from foreign crises; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ORTIZ (for himself, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. DOGGETT):

H.R. 5870. A bill to provide for the health care needs of veterans in far South Texas; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SAXTON:

H.R. 5871. A bill to establish the Math and Science Teaching Corps; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. SAXTON (for himself, Mr.

PALLONE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HOLT, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Mr. LOBIONDO):

H.R. 5872. A bill to restore, protect, and preserve the natural, chemical, physical and biological integrity, and the economic potentialities, of the New York/New Jersey Bight through designation and establishment of the New Jersey/New York Clean Ocean Zone and the regulation of various activities therein, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. PAYNE):

H.R. 5873. A bill to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to remove the reimbursement requirement for evacuation as a result of war, civil unrest, or natural disaster; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. CROWLEY:

H. Res. 940. A resolution recognizing the 185th anniversary of the independence of Peru on July 28, 2006; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. SHAW (for himself and Mr. FOLEY):

H. Res. 941. A resolution honoring the service of Gerard Latortue, Haiti's Interim Prime Minister; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

421. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Maine, relative to a Joint Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to shift funding priorities and support the equitable disbursement of Homeland Security funds as outlined in United States Senate Bill 10, sponsored by Senator Susan Collins, in order to ensure that all states effectively contribute to our national security goals and emergency preparedness; jointly to the Committees on Homeland Security, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows: